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ALICE, MY DARLING... WHAT HAVE I DONE? WHY WON'T YOU SAY THE WORD THAT WILL MAKE YOU THE NEXT BRIDE?? YOU KNOW I LOVE YOU!
I WANT TO! I WANT SO DESPERATELY TO GET MARRIED ...BUT I DON'T LOVE HIM!! AND YET... HE MAY BE MY LAST CHANCE FOR MARRIAGE!! WHAT SHOULD I DO? WHAT SHOULD I DO???
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THERE WERE MANY STARS IN THE BROADWAY GALAXY, BUT I, LOUISE CUMMINGS, WAS THE BRIGHTEST OF ALL! I WAS ON TOP AND MY POSITION MADE ME SMUG, SELFISH AND DEMANDING! HOW COULD I KNOW THAT FATE PLAYS STRANGE TRICKS AND THAT EVEN A STAR CAN SOMETIMES FALL...
STARRING
LOUISE CUMMINGS
CAN I HAVE YOUR AUTOGRAPH, MISS CUMMINGS?
I'VE SEEN YOUR PLAY FOUR TIMES MISS CUMMINGS! I THINK YOU'RE WONDERFUL!
YOU'RE THE MOST BEAUTIFUL ACTRESS IN THE THEATER!
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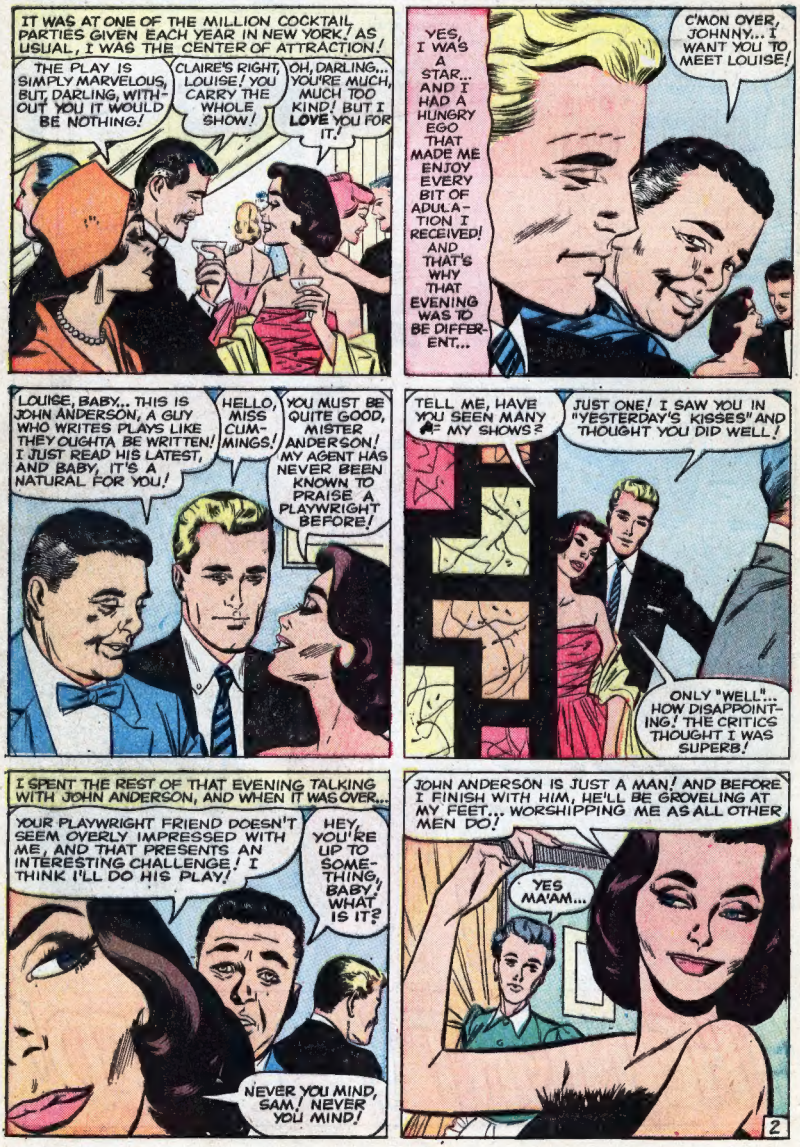
THE NIGHT WE KISSED!


IT WAS AT ONE OF THE MILLION COCKTAIL PARTIES GIVEN EACH YEAR IN NEW YORK, AS USUAL, I WAS THE CENTER OF ATTRACTION!
THE PLAY IS SIMPLY MARVELOUS, BUT, DARLING, WITHOUT YOU IT WOULD BE NOTHING!
CLAIRE'S RIGHT, LOUISE! YOU CARRY THE WHOLE SHOW!
OH, DARLING... YOU'RE MUCH, MUCH TOO KIND! BUT I LOVE YOU FOR IT!
YES, I WAS A STAR... AND I HAD A HUNGRY EGO THAT MADE ME ENJOY EVERY BIT OF ADULATION I RECEIVED! AND THAT'S WHY THAT EVENING WAS TO BE DIFFERENT...
C'MON OVER, JOHNNY... I WANT YOU TO MEET LOUISE!
LOUISE, BABY.. THIS IS JOHN ANDERSON, A GUY WHO WRITES PLAYS LIKE THEY OUGHTA BE WRITTEN! I JUST READ HIS LATEST, AND BABY, IT'S A NATURAL FOR YOU!
HELLO, MISS CUMMINGS!
YOU MUST BE QUITE GOOD, MISTER ANDERSON! MY AGENT HAS NEVER BEEN KNOWN TO PRAISE A PLAYWRIGHT BEFORE!
TELL ME, HAVE YOU SEEN MANY OF MY SHOWS?
JUST ONE! I SAW YOU IN "YESTERDAY'S KISSES" AND THOUGHT YOU DID WELL!
ONLY "WELL"... HOW DISAPPOINTING! THE CRITICS THOUGHT I WAS SUPERB!
I SPENT THE REST OF THAT EVENING TALKING WITH JOHN ANDERSON, AND WHEN IT WAS OVER...
YOUR PLAYWRIGHT FRIEND DOESN'T SEEM OVERLY IMPRESSED WITH ME, AND THAT PRESENTS AN INTERESTING CHALLENGE! I THINK I'LL DO HIS PLAY!
HEY, YOU'RE UP TO SOMETHING, BABY! WHAT IS IT?
NEVER YOU MIND, SAM! NEVER YOU MIND!
JOHN ANDERSON IS JUST A MAN! AND BEFORE I FINISH WITH HIM, HE'LL BE GROVELING AT MY FEET... WORSHIPPING ME AS ALL OTHER MEN DO!
YES MA'AM...
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AFTER THE RUN OF MY CURRENT PLAY, I HAD SAM CONTACT ANDERSON, AND THREE WEEKS LATER...
IT'S GREAT TO BE DIRECTING YOU AGAIN, LU!
THANK YOU, ERIC! I HOPE I WON'T RUIN MISTER ANDERSON'S PLAY!
DARLING, YOU COULDN'T RUIN A PLAY IF YOU WANTED TO!
I'M SURE YOU'LL BE FINE, MISS CUMMINGS...
I LET A FEW DAYS PASS, AND THEN I STARTED TO PUT MY PLAN INTO OPERATION...
YOU NEEDN'T WAIT FOR ME, CHARLES! I'LL HAVE SOMEONE ELSE TO TAKE ME HOME!
VERY GOOD, MA'AM!
THAT DAY, AFTER REHEARSAL...
NOW WHERE IN HEAVEN'S NAME IS MY CAR? I TOLD CHARLES TO WAIT RIGHT HERE FOR ME! HONESTLY, THAT MAN GETS MORE IRRESPONSIBLE EVERY DAY!
I HAVE MY CAR OVER THERE! I'LL BE GLAD TO GIVE YOU A LIFT HOME!
WHY, THANK YOU, MISTER ANDERSON! HOW KIND OF YOU!
AS HE DROVE ME HOME, I SAT CLOSE ENOUGH SO JOHN ANDERSON COULDN'T FAIL TO SAVOR MY MOST EXPENSIVE PERFUME...
TELL ME, MISTER ANDER-- JOHN... ARE YOU MARRIED?
NO, I'M NOT!
OHH, WHAT A SHAME... BUT I'LL BET YOU HAVE LOTS OF GIRL FRIENDS! I MEAN A MAN AS GOOD LOOKING AS YOU MUST...
NO, I'M AFRAID NOT... LOUISE! I DON'T SEEM TO DO VERY WELL WITH GIRLS!
WELL, IF THAT'S SO, IT'S THE GIRL'S LOSS... BECAUSE I HAPPEN TO THINK YOU'RE VERY NICE!
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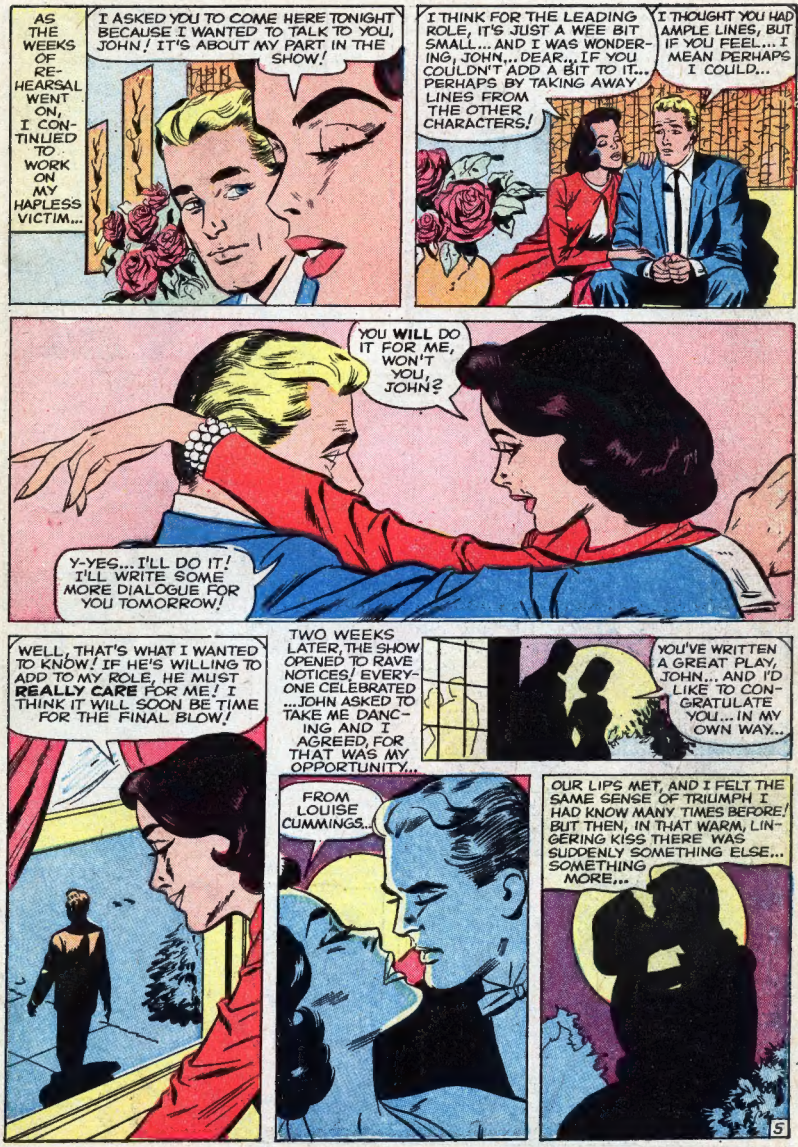
BY THE TIME WE REACHED MY HOME, I KNEW I HAD PIERCED ANDERSON'S ARMOR! BUT JUST TO MAKE SURE...
OHH...
HOW CLUMSY OF ME...
HERE... LET ME!
WHY, THANK YOU, JOHN! YOU'RE VERY GALLANT!
I-IT'S NOTHING...
GOOD NIGHT! I'LL SEE YOU TOMORROW, AT REHEARSAL!
G-GOOD NIGHT...
HONESTLY, DAISY... YOU SHOULD'VE SEEN HIS FACE WHEN HE HANDED ME MY HANDKERCHIEF! HE ALMOST DIED OF EMBARRASSMENT AT BEING THAT CLOSE TO ME!
IT'S NOT MY BUSINESS, MA'AM, BUT I DON'T THINK IT'S RIGHT TO HURT SOMEONE THE WAY YOU'RE FIXING TO HURT MISTER ANDERSON!
AS YOU SAY, DAISY... IT'S **NOT** YOUR BUSINESS! I'M LOUISE CUMMINGS AND I DO EXACTLY AS I PLEASE!
BESIDES, HE WON'T BE HURT THAT MUCH ANYWAY! HE'LL MERELY BECOME ONE OF MY WORSHIPPERS... DREAMING OF ME, LONGING FOR ME, CHERISHING EVERY MOMENT THAT I SPEND WITH HIM!


AS THE WEEKS OF REHEARSAL WENT ON, I CONTINUED TO WORK ON MY HAPLESS VICTIM...
I ASKED YOU TO COME HERE TONIGHT BECAUSE I WANTED TO TALK TO YOU, JOHN! IT'S ABOUT MY PART IN THE SHOW!
I THINK FOR THE LEADING ROLE, IT'S JUST A WEE BIT SMALL... AND I WAS WONDERING, JOHN... DEAR... IF YOU COULDN'T ADD A BIT TO IT... PERHAPS BY TAKING AWAY LINES FROM THE OTHER CHARACTERS!
I THOUGHT YOU HAD AMPLE LINES, BUT IF YOU FEEL... I MEAN PERHAPS I COULD...
YOU WILL DO IT FOR ME, WON'T YOU, JOHN?
Y-YES... I'LL DO IT! I'LL WRITE SOME MORE DIALOGUE FOR YOU TOMORROW!
WELL, THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO KNOW! IF HE'S WILLING TO ADD TO MY ROLE, HE MUST REALLY CARE FOR ME! I THINK IT WILL SOON BE TIME FOR THE FINAL BLOW!
TWO WEEKS LATER, THE SHOW OPENED TO RAVE NOTICES! EVERYONE CELEBRATED ...JOHN ASKED TO TAKE ME DANCING AND I AGREED, FOR THAT WAS MY OPPORTUNITY...
YOU'VE WRITTEN A GREAT PLAY, JOHN... AND I'D LIKE TO CONGRATULATE YOU... IN MY OWN WAY...
FROM LOUISE CUMMINGS...
OUR LIPS MET, AND I FELT THE SAME SENSE OF TRIUMPH I HAD KNOW MANY TIMES BEFORE! BUT THEN, IN THAT WARM, LINGERING KISS THERE WAS SUDDENLY SOMETHING ELSE... SOMETHING MORE...
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AS I FELT JOHN'S ARMS ABOUT ME AND HIS LIPS ON MINE, A WARM THRILL SWEPT MY BODY AND MADE ME FORGET EVERYTHING OTHER THAN THAT MOMENT...THAT EMBRACE! I WAS POSSESSED BY A MIRACLE OF FEELING!

AND WHEN IT ENDED I KNEW THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE, I WAS IN LOVE!

I HARDLY SAID A WORD THE REST OF THAT EVENING, BUT WHEN I GOT HOME IT ALL CAME OUT...
OHHH, DAISY... WHAT A FOOL I'VE BEEN! WHAT A CRUEL, SELFISH FOOL!! I'VE MADE PEOPLE LOVE ME AND THEN SUFFER BECAUSE OF IT! AND NOW I'M THE ONE WHO'S IN LOVE... IN LOVE WITH A MAN I WANTED TO HURT!

OH, I'M SO ASHAMED OF MYSELF! DAISY.. TELL ME... WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?!
THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO, MA'AM! IT'LL BE THE MOST DIFFICULT THING YOU'VE EVER DONE, BUT IF YOU WANT HAPPINESS, YOU'LL HAVE TO TELL MR. ANDERSON THE TRUTH!

DAISY WAS RIGHT! IT WAS THE MOST DIFFICULT THING I'D EVER DONE... BUT SOMEHOW I GOT THROUGH IT...
...AND THAT'S THE STORY, JOHN! IF YOU WANT TO WALK OUT AND NEVER SEE ME AGAIN, I WON'T BLAME YOU! I DESERVE IT!
IF YOU HADN'T TOLD ME THIS, I WOULD NEVER SEE YOU AGAIN! I DIDN'T RELISH BEING JUST ANOTHER ONE OF YOUR WORSHIPPERS...

BUT NOW THAT I KNOW YOU LOVE ME, AND YOU REALIZE HOW WRONG SO MANY THINGS HAVE BEEN... WELL, NOW I'LL NEVER LEAVE YOU... MY DARLING!
OH, JOHN...
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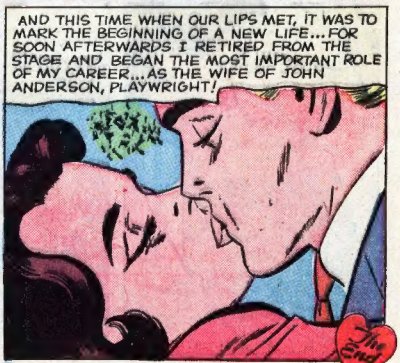
AND THIS TIME WHEN OUR LIPS MET, IT WAS TO MARK THE BEGINNING OF A NEW LIFE... FOR SOON AFTERWARDS I RETIRED FROM THE STAGE AND BEGAN THE MOST IMPORTANT ROLE OF MY CAREER... AS THE WIFE OF JOHN ANDERSON, PLAYWRIGHT!
THE END

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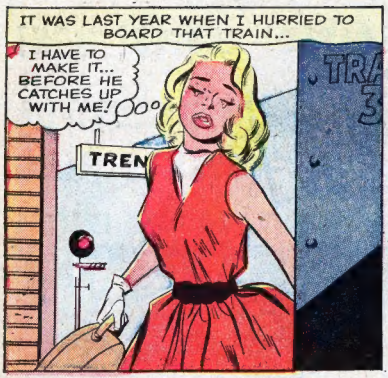
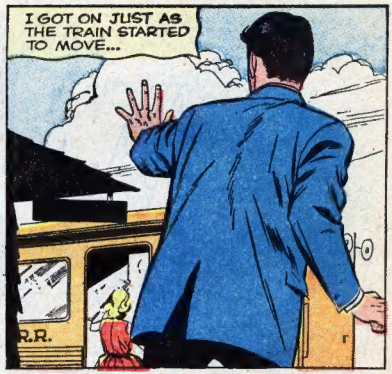
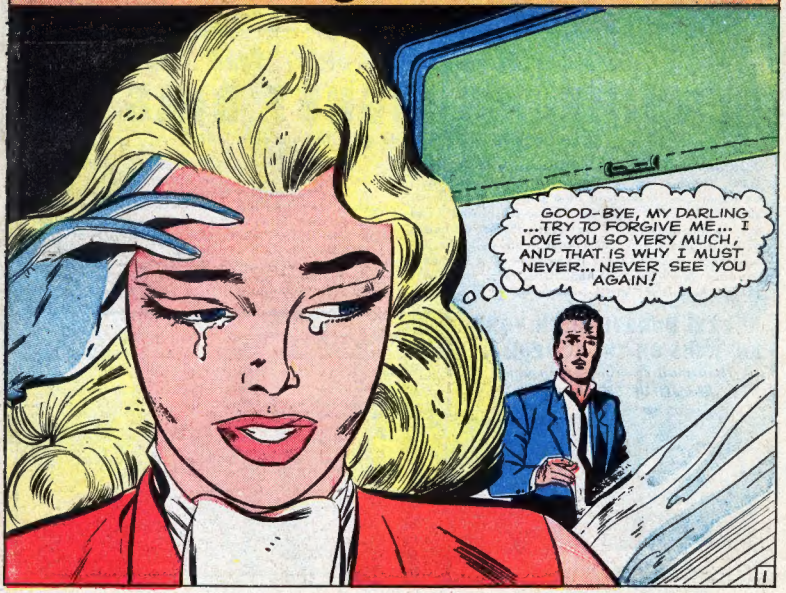
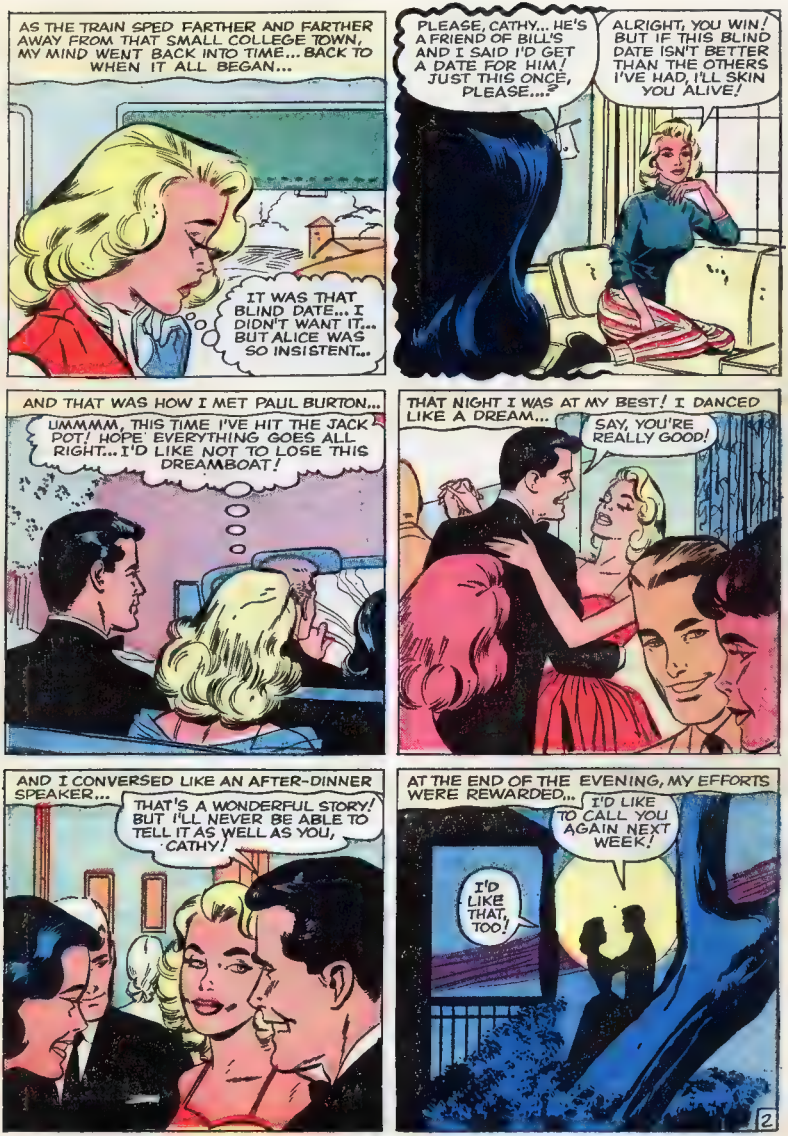


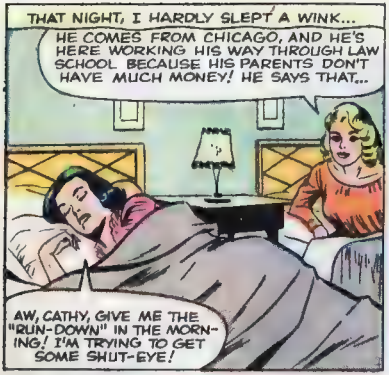




AND AS IT PULLED OUT OF THE STATION, I SAW HIM! I SAW THE ANGUISHED LOOK ON HIS FACE AND I THOUGHT THAT MY **OWN** HEART WOULD BURST, FOR I WANTED THIS NO MORE THAN HE! BUT I **HAD** TO DO IT! I HAD TO LEAVE HIM... **FOREVER!**

# I'll Love You Forever

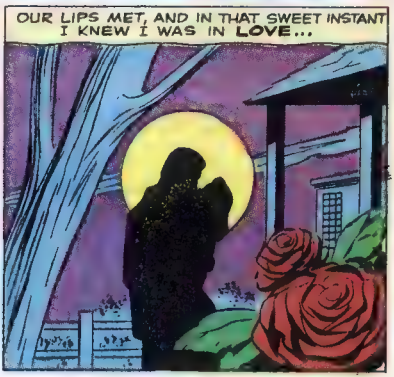



AS THE TRAIN SPED FARTHER AND FARTHER AWAY FROM THAT SMALL COLLEGE TOWN, MY MIND WENT BACK INTO TIME... BACK TO WHEN IT ALL BEGAN...
IT WAS THAT BLIND DATE... I DIDN'T WANT IT... BUT ALICE WAS SO INSISTENT...
PLEASE, CATHY... HE'S A FRIEND OF BILL'S AND I SAID I'D GET A DATE FOR HIM! JUST THIS ONCE, PLEASE...?
ALRIGHT, YOU WIN! BUT IF THIS BLIND DATE ISN'T BETTER THAN THE OTHERS I'VE HAD, I'LL SKIN YOU ALIVE!
AND THAT WAS HOW I MET PAUL BURTON...
UMMMM, THIS TIME I'VE HIT THE JACK POT! HOPE EVERYTHING GOES ALL RIGHT... I'D LIKE NOT TO LOSE THIS DREAMBOAT!
THAT NIGHT I WAS AT MY BEST! I DANCED LIKE A DREAM...
SAY, YOU'RE REALLY GOOD!
AND I CONVERSED LIKE AN AFTER-DINNER SPEAKER...
THAT'S A WONDERFUL STORY! BUT I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO TELL IT AS WELL AS YOU, CATHY!
AT THE END OF THE EVENING, MY EFFORTS WERE REWARDED...
I'D LIKE TO CALL YOU AGAIN NEXT WEEK!
I'D LIKE THAT, TOO!


THAT NIGHT, I HARDLY SLEPT A WINK...
HE COMES FROM CHICAGO, AND HE'S HERE WORKING HIS WAY THROUGH LAW SCHOOL BECAUSE HIS PARENTS DON'T HAVE MUCH MONEY! HE SAYS THAT...
AW, CATHY, GIVE ME THE "RUN-DOWN" IN THE MORNING! I'M TRYING TO GET SOME SHUT-EYE!

THE FOLLOWING WEEK I SAW PAUL AGAIN AND WE HAD ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL DATE... SO SUCCESSFUL THAT WHEN HE BROUGHT ME BACK TO THE DORM...
YOU'RE REAL NICE PEOPLE, CATHY...

I LIKE YOU...VERY MUCH...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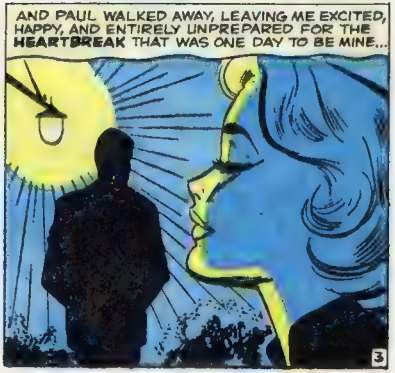
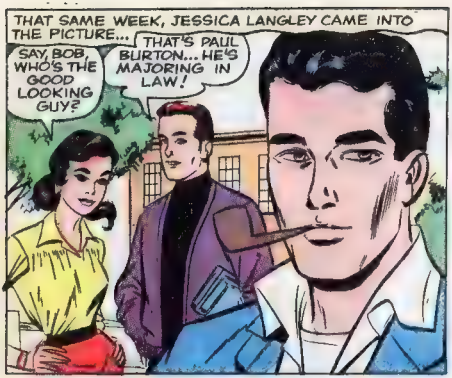
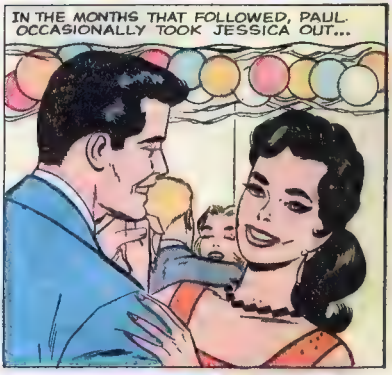
GOOD NIGHT, CATHY... I'LL SEE YOU TOMORROW...
YES... GOOD NIGHT...

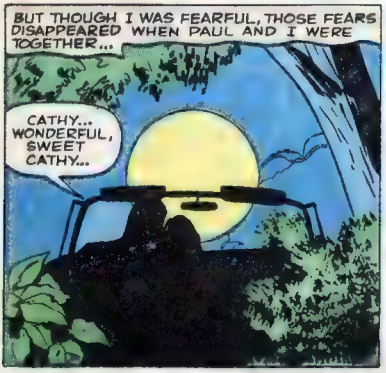

AND PAUL WALKED AWAY, LEAVING ME EXCITED, HAPPY, AND ENTIRELY UNPREPARED FOR THE **HEARTBREAK** THAT WAS ONE DAY TO BE MINE...


THAT SAME WEEK, JESSICA LANGLEY CAME INTO THE PICTURE...
SAY, BOB, WHO'S THE GOOD LOOKING GUY?
THAT'S PAUL BURTON... HE'S MAJORING IN LAW!

OH? THAT'S MY FATHER'S PROFESSION... IT GIVES ME A GOOD EXCUSE TO MEET YONDER APOLLO!

AND SO UNFORTUNATELY IT CAME TO PASS...
DADDY HEADS A LAW FIRM AND I GUESS THAT'S WHY I'VE ALWAYS BEEN FASCINATED BY LEGAL MATTERS! WILL YOU TELL ME ABOUT YOUR STUDIES, PAUL?
SURE... I'D BE GLAD TO!


IN THE MONTHS THAT FOLLOWED, PAUL OCCASIONALLY TOOK JESSICA OUT...


BUT THOUGH I WAS FEARFUL, THOSE FEARS DISAPPEARED WHEN PAUL AND I WERE TOGETHER...
CATHY... WONDERFUL, SWEET CATHY...

THEN, SHORTLY BEFORE GRADUATION, PAUL SAID TO ME...
YOU KNOW, CATHY... I'VE LIKED YOU FROM THE MOMENT I FIRST SAW YOU... BUT I DIDN'T FIGURE THAT THIS... THAT THIS WOULD HAPPEN...
I MEAN... WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY... IS THAT...
HANG IT ALL! CATHY... I'M COMPLETELY, MADLY AND IRREVOCABLY IN LOVE WITH YOU!!
OH, PAUL... DARLING! I'VE WAITED SO LONG TO HEAR YOU SAY THAT!
NOW AT LAST YOU FEEL ABOUT ME AS I DO ABOUT YOU... AND IT'S WONDERFUL! WONDERFUL!
SHHH... YOU TALK TOO MUCH!
ONCE AGAIN OUR LIPS MET, AND THIS TIME MY JOY... MY HAPPINESS ...WAS BEYOND WORDS !!!
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BULLET
I WON'T BEAT ABOUT THE BUSH, CATHY! ARE YOUR PARENTS RICH?
WHY...NO! THEY WERE BARELY ABLE TO SEND ME TO COLLEGE! WHY DO YOU ASK?
I ASK BECAUSE PAUL WANTS DESPERATELY TO PRACTICE LAW AFTER HE GRADUATES! AND THAT TAKES MONEY...WHICH NEITHER YOUR PARENTS NOR HIS HAVE!
MY FATHER, HOWEVER, IS NOT ONLY A RICH MAN, BUT HE'S ALSO THE HEAD OF A LARGE LAW FIRM! IF PAUL MARRIES ME, MY FATHER WILL TAKE HIM IN AS A JUNIOR PARTNER!
SO YOU SEE, CATHY, YOUR CHOICE IS SIMPLE! YOU CAN MARRY PAUL, AND PREVENT HIM FROM ACHIEVING WHAT HE WANTS! OR YOU CAN LET HIM MARRY ME AND BECOME A SUCCESSFUL LAWYER!
PAUL'S FUTURE IS ENTIRELY IN YOUR HANDS, CATHY... DON'T THROW IT AWAY!
FOR A LONG TIME I JUST SAT THERE...TOO STUNNED, TOO HURT TO MOVE...
AND THEN FINALLY...
OH, WHY... WHY DID THIS HAVE TO HAPPEN?! EVERYTHING WAS SO WONDERFUL, AND NOW... --- IT'S ALL OVER!! I HAVE TO GIVE HIM UP!!
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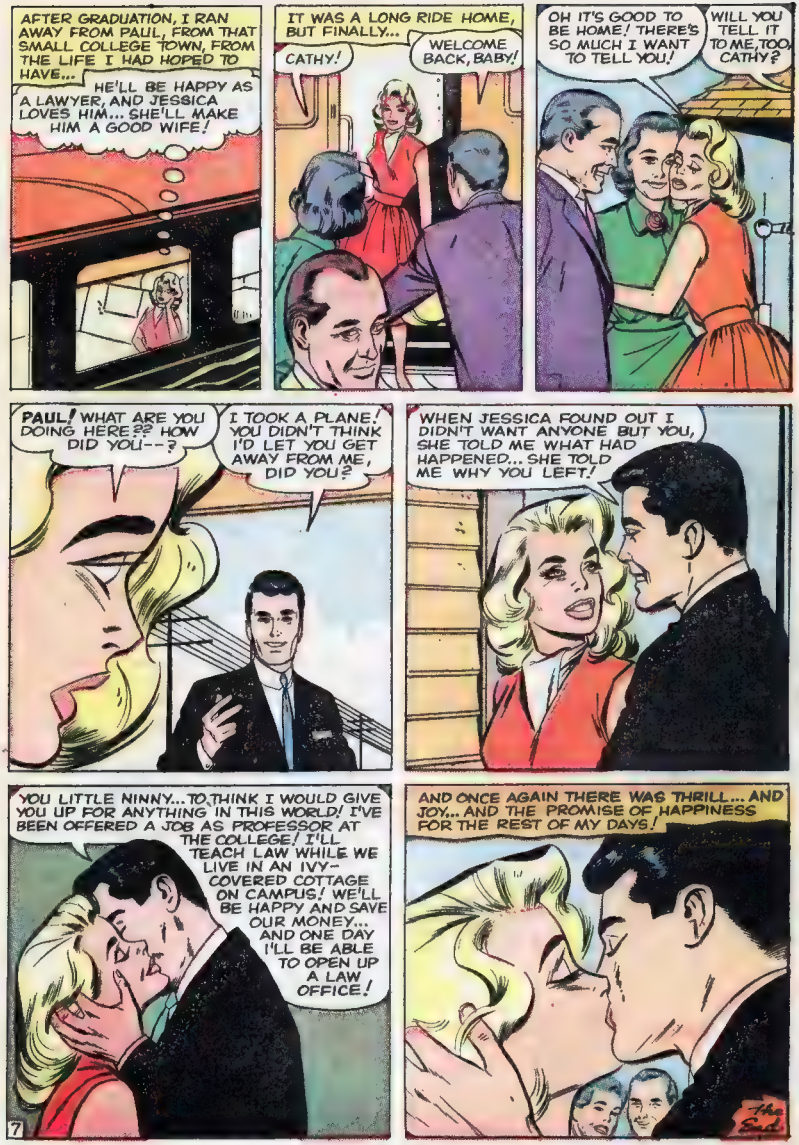
AFTER GRADUATION, I RAN AWAY FROM PAUL, FROM THAT SMALL COLLEGE TOWN, FROM THE LIFE I HAD HOPED TO HAVE...
HE'LL BE HAPPY AS A LAWYER, AND JESSICA LOVES HIM... SHE'LL MAKE HIM A GOOD WIFE!
IT WAS A LONG RIDE HOME, BUT FINALLY...
CATHY!
WELCOME BACK, BABY!
OH IT'S GOOD TO BE HOME! THERE'S SO MUCH I WANT TO TELL YOU!
WILL YOU TELL IT TO ME, TOO, CATHY?
PAUL! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?? HOW DID YOU--?
I TOOK A PLANE! YOU DIDN'T THINK I'D LET YOU GET AWAY FROM ME, DID YOU?
WHEN JESSICA FOUND OUT I DIDN'T WANT ANYONE BUT YOU, SHE TOLD ME WHAT HAD HAPPENED... SHE TOLD ME WHY YOU LEFT!
YOU LITTLE NINNY... TO THINK I WOULD GIVE YOU UP FOR ANYTHING IN THIS WORLD! I'VE BEEN OFFERED A JOB AS PROFESSOR AT THE COLLEGE! I'LL TEACH LAW WHILE WE LIVE IN AN IVY-COVERED COTTAGE ON CAMPUS! WE'LL BE HAPPY AND SAVE OUR MONEY... AND ONE DAY I'LL BE ABLE TO OPEN UP A LAW OFFICE!
AND ONCE AGAIN THERE WAS THRILL... AND JOY... AND THE PROMISE OF HAPPINESS FOR THE REST OF MY DAYS!
The End
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# ROMANTIC RENDEZVOUS

MARION looked out across the bay toward its southern point, where a rocky spear of land cut knifelike into the ocean. It was a cloudless day, and the water sparkled with glints of sunlight. Here and there a sailboat scudded before the wind, while the distant roaring motor-boats skimmed across the water like beetles. But none of these was the one she was waiting for. She had been sitting on the wharf since early afternoon, and now her legs ached from their cramped position. But stubborn and resolute she stayed on, the emptiness within her echoing the clear, lonely cry of a seagull . . .

Only yesterday she had waited for Roger as usual, in the secret cove she had found on the northern shore, far past the fishing cottages and her home. Waiting, she had still been happy — believing firmly in his love, remembering and treasuring each detail of his suntanned face, hearing his sudden, quick laugh . . . but now the memory tore cruelly at her heart.

It was hard to recall those days before she knew Roger Graham, yet it had been only two months since he had sailed his cabin cruiser into the bay and changed her world! On that morning she had been digging clams in the cove, with her old dungarees rolled up above her knees. Then tired, she had stretched out on the warm gritty sand to relax, when suddenly Roger appeared! She first heard his laugh, and startled by it, she sat up and saw him waving from his boat. Her heart beat quickly as if somehow life had been spent waiting for this moment to come.

Marion smiled, wistfully. Those first weeks had passed swiftly. He stayed at one of the small resort hotels on the opposite side of the bay, but each morning his boat would glide out across the inlet and he would join her at the cove where they had met . . . then, together they would sail out to the ocean. It was hard to believe now that she could have known such happiness . . . that she could have been such a fool!

There had been no reason for doubting him until yesterday. For hours she had waited on the beach, until panic had mounted within her. Never before had he failed to come. Something had happened to detain him, she thought . . . perhaps some danger . . . and so, terribly worried, she ran the mile around the shore to his hotel. Breathless and trembling, she found Mr. Peters, the manager.

"Yep, that's right," Peters had said. "Mr. Graham left early this morning after getting a telegram from his WIFE!"

"His wife?" Marion gasped, stunned and bewildered.

"That's right," Peters had insisted, studying her face. "The telegram said, Mrs. Celia Graham, and Mr. Graham told me he was going to fetch the family back tomorrow afternoon."

He had spoken emphatically, but when Marion didn't speak, he frowned. "Yep, a real quiet fella," he had concluded.

"It can't be true," Marion told herself, rushing away from the hotel. Half of her was consumed in disbelief, rebelling against the words that had destroyed her happiness so abruptly. The other half was tightly knotted into a sensation, so unbearable, that she could scarcely breathe.

She had walked along the streets of the resort, her eyes staring straight ahead, until once again she was alone, her feet rushing along the beach as restlessly as the waves. She had climbed the cliffs behind her village to avoid meeting anyone she knew. Here the path led on, until exhausted, she had reached the quiet arc of the cove.

The wind greeted her with a misty tang of ocean spray. She seemed to hear Roger calling out her name, the slap of the waves echoing it over and over again. For a moment, she had stood expectantly, believing that any second he would come and take her in his arms, and declare his love . . . and she'd know she'd only experienced a bad dream. But he hadn't come, and slowly she felt the tears

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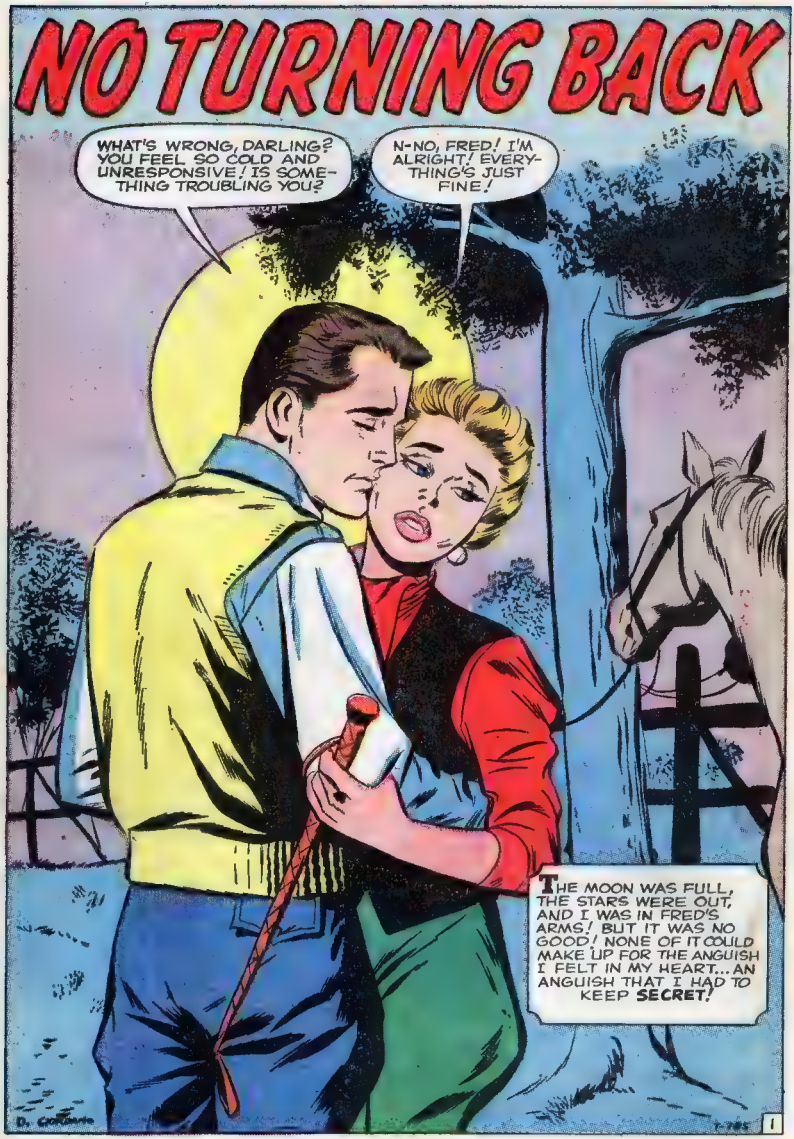
NO TURNING BACK
WHAT'S WRONG, DARLING? YOU FEEL SO COLD AND UNRESPONSIVE! IS SOMETHING TROUBLING YOU?
N-NO, FRED! I'M ALRIGHT! EVERYTHING'S JUST FINE!
THE MOON WAS FULL, THE STARS WERE OUT, AND I WAS IN FRED'S ARMS! BUT IT WAS NO GOOD! NONE OF IT COULD MAKE UP FOR THE ANGUISH I FELT IN MY HEART... AN ANGUISH THAT I HAD TO KEEP SECRET!
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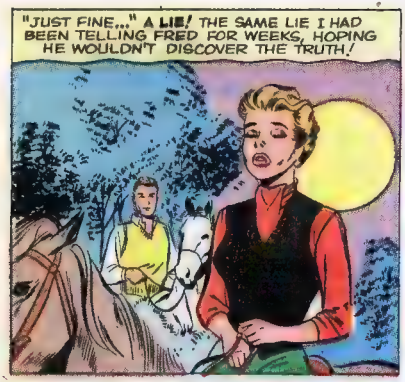
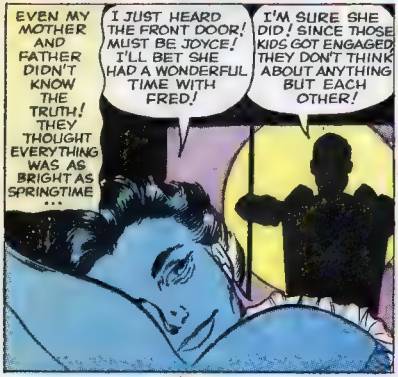
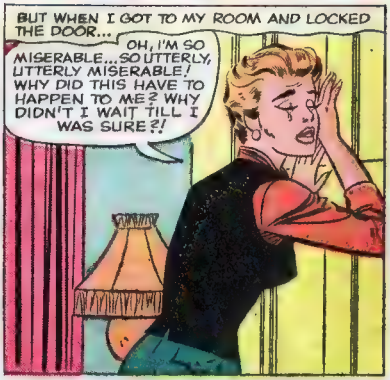
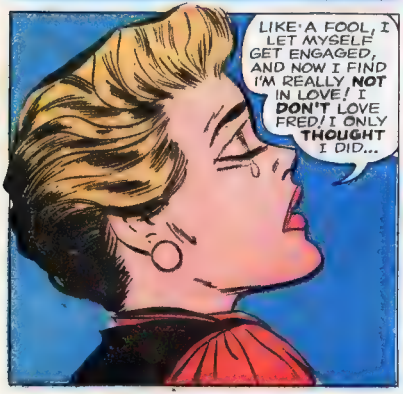
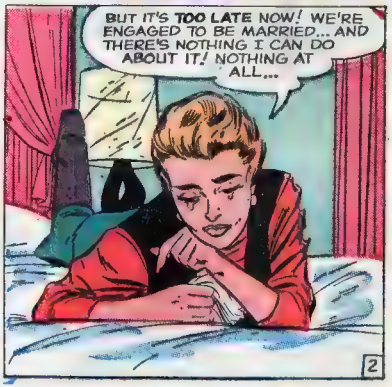

"JUST FINE..." A LIE! THE SAME LIE I HAD BEEN TELLING FRED FOR WEEKS, HOPING HE WOULDN'T DISCOVER THE TRUTH!

I COULD HARDLY WAIT TILL THE EVENING WAS OVER... TILL THE MOMENT FRED WOULD TURN AND WALK AWAY, LEAVING ME ALONE WITH MY ACHING HEART...
'NIGHT, DARLING! SLEEP TIGHT! I'LL CALL YOU IN THE MORNING!
GOOD NIGHT, DEAR...


EVEN MY MOTHER AND FATHER DIDN'T KNOW THE TRUTH! THEY THOUGHT EVERYTHING WAS AS BRIGHT AS SPRINGTIME ...
I JUST HEARD THE FRONT DOOR! MUST BE JOYCE! I'LL BET SHE HAD A WONDERFUL TIME WITH FRED!
I'M SURE SHE DID! SINCE THOSE KIDS GOT ENGAGED THEY DON'T THINK ABOUT ANYTHING BUT EACH OTHER!


BUT WHEN I GOT TO MY ROOM AND LOCKED THE DOOR...
OH, I'M SO MISERABLE... SO UTTERLY, UTTERLY MISERABLE! WHY DID THIS HAVE TO HAPPEN TO ME? WHY DIDN'T I WAIT TILL I WAS SURE?!


LIKE A FOOL, I LET MYSELF GET ENGAGED, AND NOW I FIND I'M REALLY NOT IN LOVE! I DON'T LOVE FRED! I ONLY THOUGHT I DID...


BUT IT'S TOO LATE NOW! WE'RE ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED... AND THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT IT! NOTHING AT ALL...
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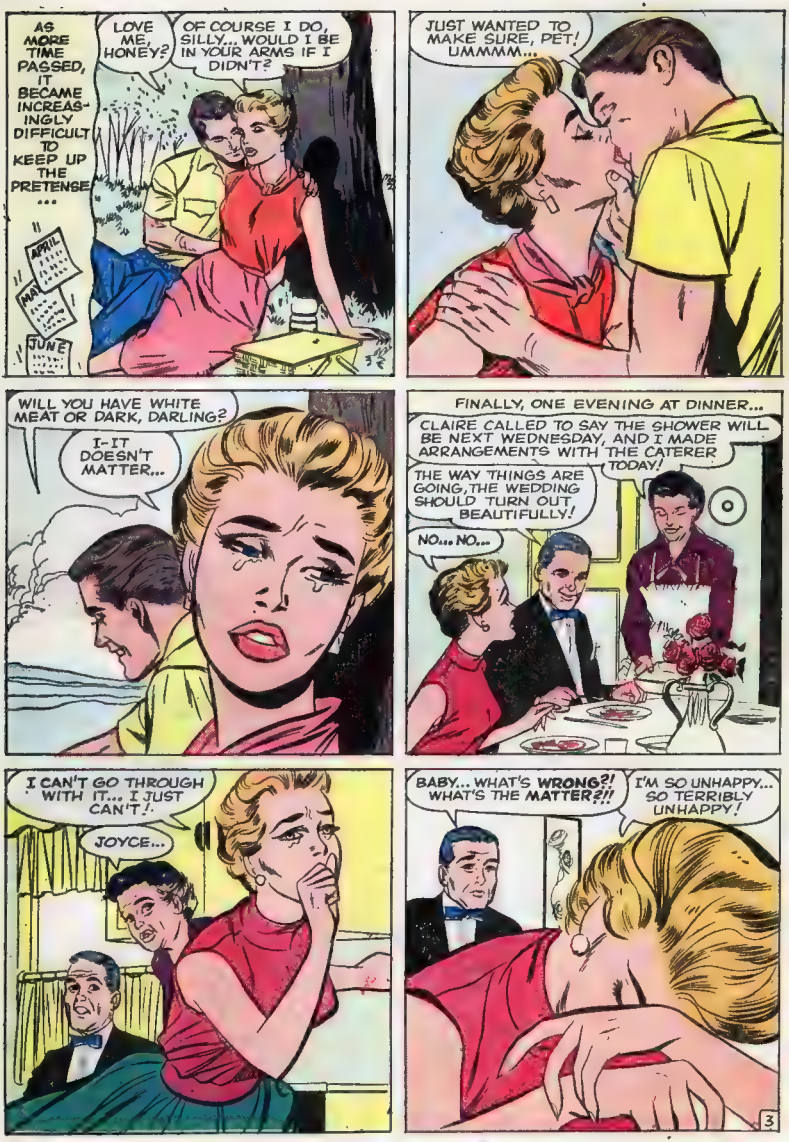
AS MORE TIME PASSED, IT BECAME INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO KEEP UP THE PRETENSE...
APRIL
MAY
JUNE
LOVE ME, HONEY?
OF COURSE I DO, SILLY... WOULD I BE IN YOUR ARMS IF I DIDN'T?
JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE, PET! UMMMM...
WILL YOU HAVE WHITE MEAT OR DARK, DARLING?
I-IT DOESN'T MATTER...
FINALLY, ONE EVENING AT DINNER...
CLAIRE CALLED TO SAY THE SHOWER WILL BE NEXT WEDNESDAY, AND I MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE CATERER TODAY!
THE WAY THINGS ARE GOING, THE WEDDING SHOULD TURN OUT BEAUTIFULLY!
NO... NO...
I CAN'T GO THROUGH WITH IT... I JUST CAN'T!
JOYCE...
BABY... WHAT'S WRONG?! WHAT'S THE MATTER?!!
I'M SO UNHAPPY... SO TERRIBLY UNHAPPY!
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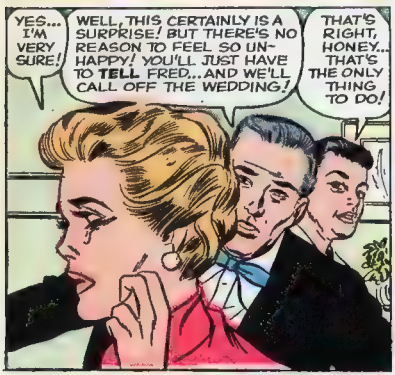
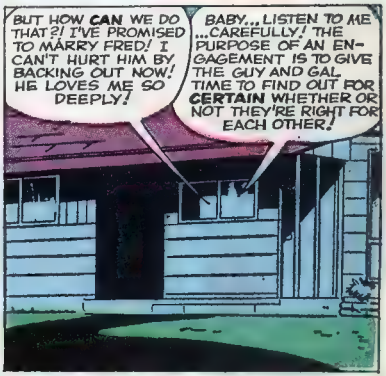
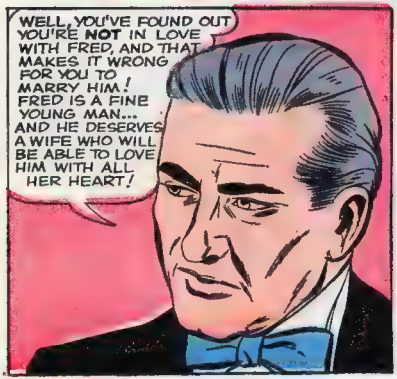
I WASN'T GOING TO TELL YOU... I DIDN'T WANT TO MAKE YOU FEEL AS BADLY AS I DO... BUT I CAN'T KEEP IT TO MYSELF ANY LONGER! I JUST CAN'T!
KEEP WHAT TO YOURSELF, JOYCE? TELL US! PLEASE!

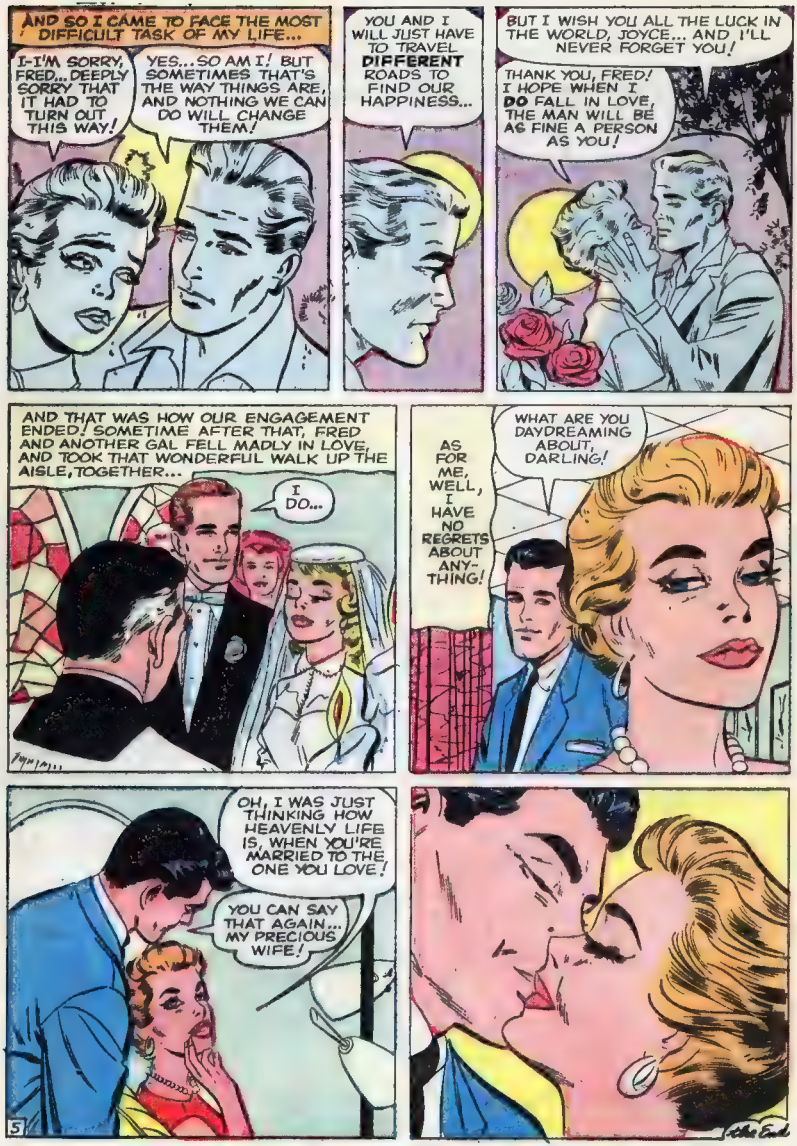
I'M NOT IN LOVE WITH FRED! I THOUGHT I LOVED HIM... BUT SINCE WE'VE BEEN ENGAGED, I REALIZE I DON'T REALLY LOVE HIM AT ALL!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, JOYCE? ARE YOU SURE OF THIS?


YES... I'M VERY SURE!
WELL, THIS CERTAINLY IS A SURPRISE! BUT THERE'S NO REASON TO FEEL SO UNHAPPY! YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO TELL FRED... AND WE'LL CALL OFF THE WEDDING!
THAT'S RIGHT, HONEY... THAT'S THE ONLY THING TO DO!


BUT HOW CAN WE DO THAT?! I'VE PROMISED TO MARRY FRED! I CAN'T HURT HIM BY BACKING OUT NOW! HE LOVES ME SO DEEPLY!
BABY... LISTEN TO ME ...CAREFULLY! THE PURPOSE OF AN ENGAGEMENT IS TO GIVE THE GUY AND GAL TIME TO FIND OUT FOR CERTAIN WHETHER OR NOT THEY'RE RIGHT FOR EACH OTHER!


WELL, YOU'VE FOUND OUT YOU'RE NOT IN LOVE WITH FRED, AND THAT MAKES IT WRONG FOR YOU TO MARRY HIM! FRED IS A FINE YOUNG MAN... AND HE DESERVES A WIFE WHO WILL BE ABLE TO LOVE HIM WITH ALL HER HEART!

FRED WILL CERTAINLY BE HURT WHEN YOU BREAK OFF WITH HIM! BUT, BELIEVE ME, BABY ...HE'D BE HURT A LOT MORE TO ONE DAY LEARN HE HAS A WIFE WHO DOESN'T LOVE HIM!
THAT'S RIGHT, DEAR... FOR FRED'S SAKE AS WELL AS YOURS, YOU MUST TELL HIM THE TRUTH!


AND SO I CAME TO FACE THE MOST DIFFICULT TASK OF MY LIFE...
I-I'M SORRY, FRED... DEEPLY SORRY THAT IT HAD TO TURN OUT THIS WAY!
YES... SO AM I! BUT SOMETIMES THAT'S THE WAY THINGS ARE, AND NOTHING WE CAN DO WILL CHANGE THEM!
YOU AND I WILL JUST HAVE TO TRAVEL DIFFERENT ROADS TO FIND OUR HAPPINESS...
BUT I WISH YOU ALL THE LUCK IN THE WORLD, JOYCE... AND I'LL NEVER FORGET YOU!
THANK YOU, FRED! I HOPE WHEN I DO FALL IN LOVE, THE MAN WILL BE AS FINE A PERSON AS YOU!
AND THAT WAS HOW OUR ENGAGEMENT ENDED! SOMETIME AFTER THAT, FRED AND ANOTHER GAL FELL MADLY IN LOVE, AND TOOK THAT WONDERFUL WALK UP THE AISLE, TOGETHER...
I DO...
AS FOR ME, WELL, I HAVE NO REGRETS ABOUT ANY-THING!
WHAT ARE YOU DAYDREAMING ABOUT, DARLING!
OH, I WAS JUST THINKING HOW HEAVENLY LIFE IS, WHEN YOU'RE MARRIED TO THE ONE YOU LOVE!
YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN... MY PRECIOUS WIFE!
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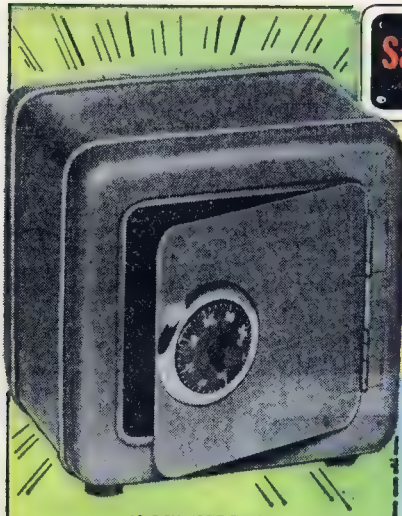

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rise until they had released themselves to the emptiness left inside . . .

Marion shielded her eyes to look once more acros the bay. Then she stiffened! Roger's boat was skimming across the sparkling water straight to the wharf. After her sleepless night and the long vigil, the sudden sight of his boat made her breathless with surprise.

"He's coming back to me," she told herself.

The hope was short-lived!

In another moment she could see the woman beside Roger, her long blonde hair tied in a soft blue scarf. Hidden from view, and without moving, Marion watched the familiar boat skillfully guided to dock. As the woman climbed out, Marion heard her resonant laughter. She was slim, tall, and beautiful. Still smiling, she turned to Roger who was reaching down in the boat. For one further moment Marion stared, as Roger placed a baby in the woman's extended arms, then letting out a sobbing cry, she ran.

"It was true!" The words hammered in her brain.

She shuddered, still too shocked to believe that Roger could be so cruel. Yet what else could she believe . . . faced with this irrefutable evidence. No matter what her heart desired, or what promises Roger made, they couldn't ever come true. But within her aching bitterness, she knew she still loved him.

Once more she sought out the cove that had brought her so much contentment and happiness in the past. The tears rushed freely at the bitter-sweet remembrances. How long she lay huddled against the hard sand she didn't know . . . the pain seemed without an end. Then someone caught her and raised her up gently.

"Roger!" she cried out. His face close to hers made her tremble, then she remembered, and shrank back.

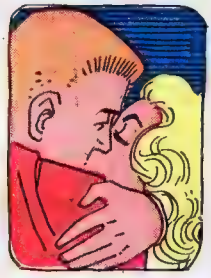
"What's wrong?" he asked, catching her arm. "I stopped by your house and your mother said you've been gone all afternoon."

Again she tried to get away, but his grip tightened.

"Look, I can't blame you for being angry about yesterday, but you can at least let me explain."

"There's nothing to explain," Marion snapped back, her voice choked with anger. "Mr. Peters told me everything!"

Their eyes met, and it was



all the more painful to see him assume a look of pretended astonishment.

"Then you know I went to get my family!" Roger said. "I'm terribly sorry, darling, but there just wasn't time to let you know."

He's sorry, Marion thought. As if breaking my heart is as simple as that! Perhaps he hoped I wouldn't find out!

"Don't look so unhappy," he said, trying to draw her close. "Bringing Ned and Celia here hasn't changed my feelings about you."

Marion was stunned!

"Perhaps marriage isn't important to you," she fired back. "But it's a sacred thing to me!"

"It is to me, too!" Roger replied, stiffening. "Now what's this all about? What has bringing my brother and his wife out here got to do with us?"

"Your BROTHER!" Marion gasped. "And all along, when Mr. Peters spoke of the telegram . . . we both thought it must be *your* wife!"

"My wife?" Roger gave a sudden, deep laugh. "You poor darling! No wonder you've acted so strangely. I guess your anger was pretty justified, either way."

"Well, I just didn't know what to believe," she said. "First the telegram, and then when you docked, all I saw were Celia and the baby."

"Ned was below deck the whole trip," Roger grinned. "He hasn't a sailor's constitution."

Gently, he took her face between his hands, and his kiss restored all the happiness she had thought was gone.

"I'm terribly sorry," Roger whispered. "I never should have left without coming to you and explaining. The surprise I had planned for you turned out far differently than I had anticipated. Forgive me?"

"Of course," Marion replied. "I feel terrible now for ever having doubted you."

Roger's forgiveness was given as he kissed her again. Above the quick beat of her heart, she could hear the ebb and flow of the waves against the shore, and each gentle murmur became a reassuring echo of the happiness she was feeling . . . and of the happiness she knew would come.

"Come, darling," Roger said, slipping his arm about her waist. "My family's waiting to meet you."

As they walked together across the sand, the rosy glow of sunset enveloped them and seemed to disclose the wondrous fulfillment of their lives ahead.

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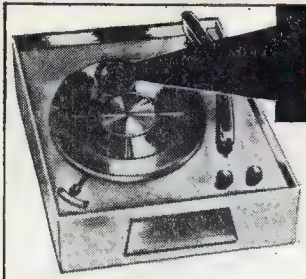

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ANOTHER GAL MARRIED... AND I HAVEN'T EVEN FALLEN IN LOVE YET! OH, HOW AWFUL IT IS, TO BE SITTING ON THE SIDELINES, YEARNING, LONGING FOR A ROMANCE THAT NEVER COMES!
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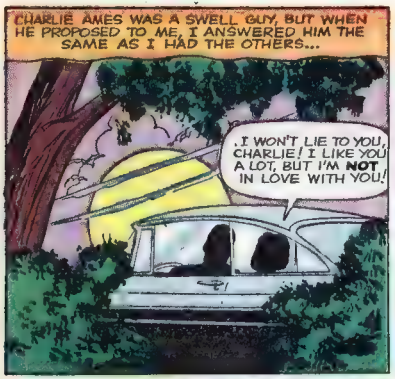
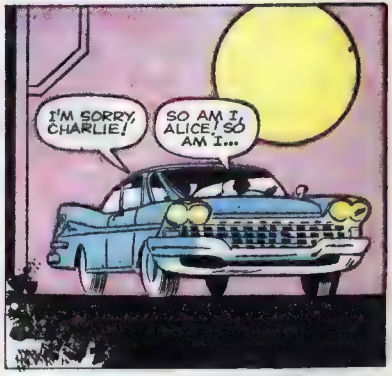

CHARLIE AMES WAS A SWELL GUY, BUT WHEN HE PROPOSED TO ME, I ANSWERED HIM THE SAME AS I HAD THE OTHERS...
I WON'T LIE TO YOU, CHARLIE! I LIKE YOU A LOT, BUT I'M NOT IN LOVE WITH YOU!

I KNOW THAT, DARLING, AND I DON'T CARE! I FEEL ENOUGH LOVE FOR BOTH OF US! JUST MARRY ME, ALICE, AND I'LL GIVE YOU AS GOOD A LIFE AS ANY WOMAN EVER HAD!
NO, CHARLIE... NO! WHAT I WANT FROM LIFE IS TO BE IN LOVE WITH A MAN! NOTHING ELSE!

BUT I REFUSE TO ACCEPT ANY-THING LESS... NO MATTER HOW ATTRACTIVE IT MAY SEEM!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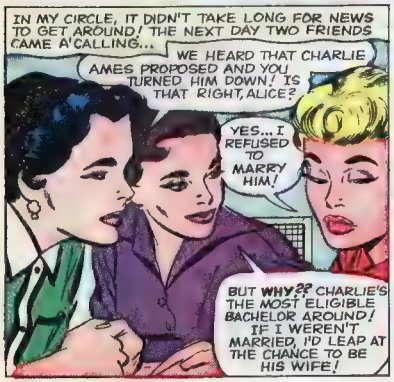
SO AM I, ALICE! SO AM I...


IN MY CIRCLE, IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG FOR NEWS TO GET AROUND! THE NEXT DAY TWO FRIENDS CAME A'CALLING...
WE HEARD THAT CHARLIE AMES PROPOSED AND YOU TURNED HIM DOWN! IS THAT RIGHT, ALICE?
YES... I REFUSED TO MARRY HIM!
BUT WHY?? CHARLIE'S THE MOST ELIGIBLE BACHELOR AROUND! IF I WEREN'T MARRIED, I'D LEAP AT THE CHANCE TO BE HIS WIFE!

I HAVE NOTHING AGAINST CHARLIE! IT'S JUST THAT I'M NOT IN LOVE WITH HIM!
LOVE!! WHAT DO YOU THINK LIFE IS... SOME KIND OF FAIRY TALE WHERE YOU'RE THE PRINCESS AND YOU HAVE ONLY TO WAIT FOR PRINCE CHARMING TO COME ALONG!??
IN THIS WORLD YOU HAVE TO COMPRI-MISE... TO SETTLE FOR WHAT YOU CAN GET!
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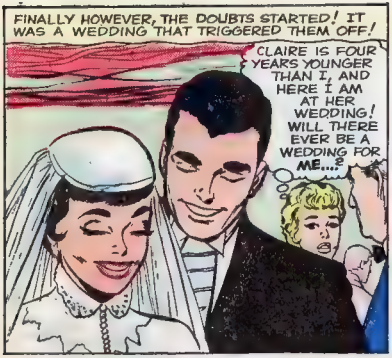
CHARLIE AMES COMES FROM A FINE FAMILY! HE HAS A GOOD JOB AND HE'S CRAZY ABOUT YOU! HE'D MAKE YOU A WONDERFUL HUSBAND!
AND I HATE TO MENTION THIS, ALICE, BUT YOU'RE NOT GETTING ANY YOUNGER!
I KNOW I'M NOT GETTING ANY YOUNGER... BUT I ALSO KNOW WHAT I WANT OUT OF MARRIAGE! I WANT A MAN WHO WILL BE ABLE TO SET MY FEMALE HEART POUNDING! A MAN WHO WILL TAKE ME OUT OF MYSELF AND LIFT ME RIGHT UP TO THE STARS!
I WANT TO BE IN LOVE AND I WON'T SETTLE FOR LESS!
I WISH YOU A LOT OF LUCK, ALICE... BECAUSE TO GET WHAT YOU WANT, YOU'LL CERTAINLY NEED IT!
WELL, I GUESS THERE'S NOTHING MORE TO BE SAID THEN!
"I WON'T SETTLE FOR LESS"! HOW FIRM I SOUNDED! YET EACH DAY IT GETS HARDER AND HARDER TO HOLD OUT FOR MISTER RIGHT! I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH LONGER I CAN WAIT... HOW LONG BEFORE I GIVE UP...
DURING THE FOLLOWING MONTHS, I CONTINUED TO DATE DIFFERENT FELLAS! ONE OF THE NICEST WAS GEORGE HARPER...
IT FEELS REAL GOOD, HAVING MY ARMS AROUND THE MOST BEAUTIFUL GAL IN THE ROOM!
CAREFUL... FLATTERY WILL GET YOU SOMEWHERE!
BUT EVEN GEORGE, WHEN HE KISSED ME, WAS UNABLE TO STIR MY HEART...
I DON'T FEEL EVEN A SPARK OF LOVE!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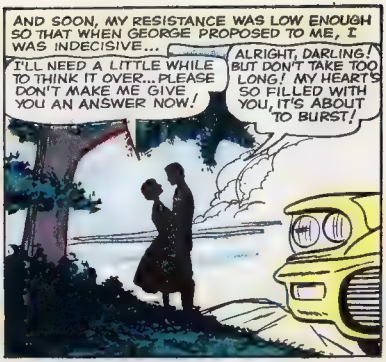
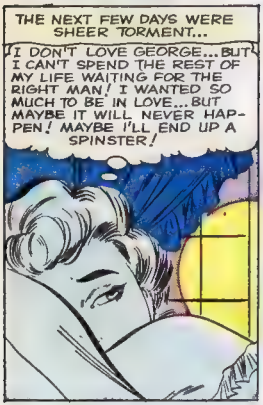
CLAIRE IS FOUR YEARS YOUNGER THAN I, AND HERE I AM AT HER WEDDING! WILL THERE EVER BE A WEDDING FOR ME...?

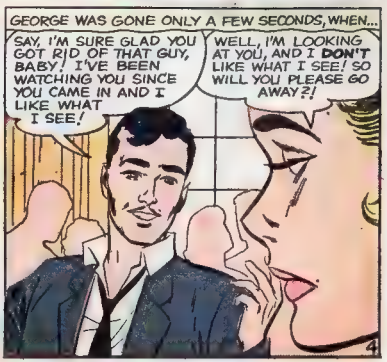

AND SOON, MY RESISTANCE WAS LOW ENOUGH SO THAT WHEN GEORGE PROPOSED TO ME, I WAS INDECISIVE...
I'LL NEED A LITTLE WHILE TO THINK IT OVER... PLEASE DON'T MAKE ME GIVE YOU AN ANSWER NOW!
ALRIGHT, DARLING! BUT DON'T TAKE TOO LONG! MY HEART'S SO FILLED WITH YOU, IT'S ABOUT TO BURST!


THE NEXT FEW DAYS WERE SHEER TORMENT...
I DON'T LOVE GEORGE... BUT I CAN'T SPEND THE REST OF MY LIFE WAITING FOR THE RIGHT MAN! I WANTED SO MUCH TO BE IN LOVE... BUT MAYBE IT WILL NEVER HAPPEN! MAYBE I'LL END UP A SPINSTER!

OH, I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO... I'M SO MISERABLE! SO UTTERLY MISERABLE!

FINALLY, I ARRIVED AT AN UNHAPPY DECISION...
I'LL TELL GEORGE AFTER THE PARTY, WHEN HE TAKES ME HOME... I'LL TELL HIM I ACCEPT HIS PROPOSAL... I'LL MARRY HIM...

BUT, THAT NIGHT, FATE WAS TO TAKE A HAND! IT HAPPENED AT THE PARTY, ABOUT AN HOUR AFTER WE ARRIVED ...
WANT ME TO GET YOU SOME MORE PUNCH, HONEY?
THANKS, I WOULD LIKE SOME MORE!


GEORGE WAS GONE ONLY A FEW SECONDS, WHEN...
SAY, I'M SURE GLAD YOU GOT RID OF THAT GUY, BABY! I'VE BEEN WATCHING YOU SINCE YOU CAME IN AND I LIKE WHAT I SEE!
WELL, I'M LOOKING AT YOU, AND I DON'T LIKE WHAT I SEE! SO WILL YOU PLEASE GO AWAY?!

SAY, YOU GOT SPIRIT, BABY! I LIKE THAT! I ALWAYS SAY A FILLY WITH SPIRIT IS...
THE LADY'S NOT INTERESTED, MAC... GET LOST!
AND THEN, FOR THE FIRST TIME, I SAW HIM! I CAN STILL REMEMBER THE THRILL I FELT AS HE CAME CLOSER...
I SAID BEAT IT!
AWRIGHT... AWRIGHT... I'M GOING! TAKE IT EASY!
THERE'S ONE AT EVERY PARTY! SORRY YOU HAD TO RUN INTO HIM!
THANKS FOR THE RESCUE! I APPRECIATE IT AND I'M SURE MY ESCORT WILL TOO! WON'T YOU JOIN US?
HIS NAME WAS DAN BENTLEY AND BY THE TIME THE PARTY BROKE UP THAT EVENING, I KNEW THAT I HAD AT LAST FALLEN IN LOVE!
I'VE NEVER FELT THIS WAY ABOUT ANY MAN BEFORE! JUST THINKING OF HIM STARTS MY PULSE RACING! IT'S WONDERFUL!
WHEN WE ARRIVED AT MY HOME, I TOLD GEORGE THAT I WOULD NOT MARRY HIM! A WEEK LATER, I SAW DAN AGAIN... THEN AGAIN AND AGAIN, UNTIL FINALLY ...
I LOVE YOU, DARLING, AND I WANT YOU TO BE MY WIFE... WHAT DO YOU SAY...?
YES... YES! WITH ALL MY HEART, YES!
AND WHEN OUR LIPS MET, IT WAS ALL MY DREAMS COME TRUE! THE WARMTH... THE UNBOUNDED JOY... THE INFINITE GOODNESS... ALL OF IT HAD COME AT LAST... AND IT MADE UP FOR EVERY MOMENT I HAD WAITED... WAITED FOR THIS, MY TRUE LOVE!

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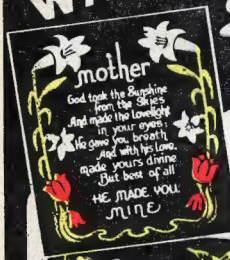

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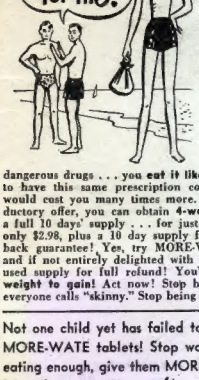


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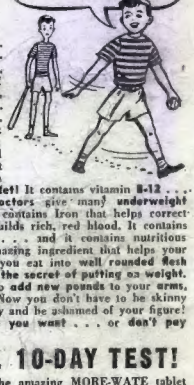


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